LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: January 11, 2005 AGENDA ITEM NO.: 13

CONSENT: REGULAR: X CLOSED SESSION: (Confidential)

ACTION: X INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing Regarding The Manner in Which the City Handles Disabled, Unattended or

Abandoned Vehicles (Towing Ordinance)

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Receive public comment regarding the recommendations of the Towing Advisory Board regarding the manner in which the City handles disabled, unattended or abandoned vehicles.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> Council has been briefed on the issues and options regarding the City's procedures for towing vehicles. A copy of the previous Council report on this matter is attached for your reference.

The City's contract for the towing of unattended private vehicles expired some years ago and needs to be renewed. In the past a sole provider of towing services has been utilized. Other businesses have expressed an interest in providing this service. The State Code requires that a local Towing Advisory Board (TAB) be constituted to make recommendations regarding contracts for the towing of unattended vehicles. Because there is a broad community of interest in this matter, a public hearing has been scheduled to receive comment on the TAB's recommendations and suggestions on how Lynchburg should handle disabled, unattended or abandoned vehicles.

Council is not being asked to take any definitive action on this matter on January 11. Instead, Council is asked to consider the comments made and be prepared to provide guidance to staff during its January 25 work session.

PRIOR ACTION(S): October 26, 2004 Council briefing.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne

ATTACHMENT(S): Previous Council report.

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